

WRECK OF THE SIERRA NEVADA.

Further Particulars of the Disaster—Bravery and Coolness of the Captain—Heroic Conduct of Governor Wood, of Illinois.

The Sierra Nevada left this port in charge of Captain J. C. Bogert, on Saturday last, Oct. 16, with 124 tons of freight and 42 passengers, bound for San Luis Obispo and way ports.

THE PASSENGERS.

Among the passengers on board was Governor Wood, of Illinois, together with his wife, two sons and brother-in-law. Governor Wood has visited Oregon, Washington Territory, and other portions of the Pacific slope, and was on his way to see for himself the special advantages and beauties of nature to be found in the southern portions of our State.

THE VOYAGE.

After leaving this port everything for a time went as "merry as a marriage bell." Santa Cruz was soon reached, where way passengers and a portion of the freight were landed. About 12 o'clock on Sunday Monterey was made, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the steamer proceeded on her voyage, there being at the time a thick fog and a heavy sea swell.

THE WRECK.

The captain had been in his cabin just twenty minutes when the chief officer rushed in and reported that he could hear the surf. The fog was so intense at the time that "you could not see your hand before you."

A COOL AND BRAVE CAPTAIN.

who, in a moment, and with great force and clearness of intellect, he descended and has obtained the warmest praise of all on board, comprehended all that was demanded by the exigencies of his position. He saw that the vessel was irretrievably lost, and that it only remained to save the lives of passengers and crew.

THE PASSENGERS LEAVING THE SHIP.

The large quarter boat having been anchored as previously described, the starboard quarter boat was then lowered. Into this it was proposed to put the eleven ladies, two children, and the "old men" who were on board.

A BRAVE OLD MAN.

Captain Bogert, seeing the effect the report of the engineer was likely to have, instantly turned to carry out his original idea of sending the old men with the ladies, and said, in loud, sharp tones, "Now, Governor Wood, it is your turn. Make haste!"

Another accident—A contrast. Before the first boat left, a passenger of somewhat diminutive proportions came struggling and climbing along to where the captain was assisting the passengers over the side.

A NIGHT IN THE BOATS.

The next thing to determine was what was to be done under the circumstances in which they found themselves. The fog was still thick, and it was impossible to tell in which direction the shore lay.

HUMBOLDT.

A Visit to the Family Mansion of the Deceased. A correspondent writes as follows from Berlin, under date of September 21:—About ten English miles to the northwest of Berlin is the little village of Tegel, lying on a pretty lakelet of the same name, surrounded with woods and shrubbery.

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into the composition of his nature. The interior of the dwelling is embellished with a variety of rare pieces of sculpture and painting, collected by William von Humboldt during his residence in Rome, or expressly executed for the purpose by modern artists of note.

A remarkable antique in this collection is a marble fountain, with reliefs representing a feast of Bacchus, taken from the church of St. Calistus in Rome, in which, according to a Catholic legend, that saint suffered death by drowning. The story is told in a brief Latin inscription on the marble, written by William von Humboldt.

Not far from the dwelling-house, in the shadow of a projecting hill, a plot of ground is set apart as the family burying-place. The approach to this is through a walk, lined on each side by tall linden trees; a grove of thick evergreen foliage; and on one side the view is terminated by a range of wooded hills which form a natural terrace.

The near vicinity of the two brothers in their last resting-place is a touching memorial of the friendship which melted their ill-humors, and made them one from childhood to old age.

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